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To do away with this soil pollution is not only in the interest of the public health, but also in the interest of the further economic development of the South, especially on the farms and in the textile industries.

## UNITED STATES.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

*Reports from San Francisco, Cal.—Plague-prevention work at San Francisco, Oakland, and Point Richmond, and in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, Cal.*

### Surgeon Blue reports:

#### SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Last case of human plague: Sickened, January 30, 1908.

Last case of rodent plague: October 23, 1908.

*Week ended September 11, 1909.*

Sick inspected.....	1
Plague.....	0
Dead inspected.....	91
Plague.....	0
Premises inspected.....	1,751
Houses disinfected.....	20
Houses destroyed.....	2
Buildings condemned.....	11
Nuisances abated.....	157
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Rats found dead.....	9
Rats trapped.....	1,944
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Total rats taken.....	1,953
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Rats identified:	
Mus norvegicus.....	1,512
Mus rattus.....	57
Mus musculus.....	360
Mus alexandrinus.....	15
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Total.....	1,944
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Rats identified as to sex:	
Male.....	769
Female.....	833
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Total.....	1,602
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Rats examined bacteriologically.....	1,255
Plague rats.....	0
Poisons placed.....	16,992
Total number of rats infected to date.....	398

#### OAKLAND, CAL.

Last case of human plague: Sickened, July 17, 1908.

Last case of rodent plague: Trapped, December 1, 1908.

*Week ended September 11, 1909.*

Dead inspected.....	25
Plague.....	0
Rats found dead.....	23

Rats trapped.....	541
Rats identified.....	564
Mus norvegicus.....	522
Mus rattus.....	2
Mus musculus.....	40
Rats examined bacteriologically.....	523
Plague rats.....	0

## POINT RICHMOND, CAL.

*Week ended September 11.*

Sick inspected.....	1
Plague.....	0
Dead inspected.....	3
Plague.....	0

## ALAMEDA COUNTY, CAL. (EXCLUSIVE OF OAKLAND).

*Week ended September 4, 1909.*

Last case of human plague: Sickened 10 miles east of Sunol, July 27, 1909.

Last case of rodent plague: Found September 4, 1909.

Dead inspected.....	43
Plague.....	0
Ranches inspected.....	62
Ground squirrels shot.....	526
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically.....	389
Ground squirrels infected with <i>B. pestis</i> .....	6
Total number of ground squirrels found infected to date.....	17

Plague-infected ground squirrels obtained from the following-named places.

*August 30, 1909.*

Matsen's ranch.....	1
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*August 31, 1909.*

Matsen's ranch.....	1
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*September 3, 1909.*

Thiele ranch.....	2
Matsen's ranch.....	1

*September 4, 1909.*

Matsen's ranch.....	1
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*Plague case in Alameda County.*

Doctor Blue reports, September 27:

September 24, Manuel Avila, aged 5 years, Californian, Portuguese parentage, 2 miles southwest of Sunol, Alameda County, has clinical plague. Isolated Alameda County Infirmary.

## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CAL. (EXCLUSIVE OF POINT RICHMOND).

*Week ended September 4.*

Last case of human plague: Sickened July 21, 1908.

Last case of rodent plague: Found September 2, 1909.

Ranches inspected.....	165
Ground squirrels shot.....	2,071
Ground squirrels found dead.....	4
Ground squirrels examined bacteriologically.....	1,726
Ground squirrels infected with <i>B. pestis</i> .....	4
Total number of ground squirrels infected to date.....	195